

**WHO:**

Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi, headline speaker

**WHAT:**

Labor Rally to save the New United Motor Manufacturing, Inc plant in Fremont (NUMMI) and the 35,000 statewide jobs connected to it

**WHEN:**

THURSDAY, August 20, 2009

3 p.m. is when the Lieutenant Governor will speak (Labor rally from 1 to 5 p.m.)

**WHERE:**

UAW Local 2244 Hall  
45201 Fremont Blvd.  
Fremont, CA 94538  
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Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi, chair of the Commission for Economic Development, earlier issued the following statement after news reports stated Toyota will end all production at the New United Motor Manufacturing, Inc. (NUMMI) plant in Fremont in Spring 2010. There has not been an official announcement by Toyota on this matter.

"The fight to keep NUMMI in California is far, far from over. Thirty-five counties statewide have businesses that serve NUMMI in one capacity or another. If that plant closes, California will face an estimated loss of 35,000 jobs directly and indirectly. For California's future, NUMMI is too big to fail.

The California Legislature resumed today and will be taking up a package of bills providing incentives for NUMMI to stay in California. The incentives include creating an enterprise zone in Fremont, eliminating the sales and use tax on manufacturing equipment, requiring the state to purchase cars from the plant, as well as a 70% reduction for 2 years of the public good charges collected from NUMMI by the Public Utilities Commission. I support this critical legislation, but we must join together and do more.

Toyota is involved in a complex divorce with a bankrupt General Motors. Toyota needs to know unequivocally that Californians want them to stay and we are willing to work for it. The federal government generously bailed out Detroit with billions of dollars when its auto industry was threatened. The Treasury Department needs to release federal stimulus dollars to show Toyota they are a vital California and U.S. business partner. As the manufacturer of some of the world's most popular hybrids and fuel efficient vehicles, Toyota continues to help California achieve its climate change goals, as California's consumers continue to greatly value their products. Toyota needs to know – we are in this together," Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi, chair of the

California Commission for Economic Development, said.